

of its provisions is guilty of malfeasance in office, and, upon conviction thereof, the court shall enter judgment that such officer so convicted shall be removed from office.

Note: "Any elector of the local government may file an affidavit regarding suspected malfeasance with

the district attorney, who shall investigate the allegations and prosecute the violation if sufficient cause is found. It is the duty of the court rendering any such judgment to cause immediate notice of such removal to be given to the proper officer of the local government so that the vacancy thus caused may be filled."

Rusnak then implied that the full 14.9-mill levy did not need to be certified for the 2018 budget by the Wescott board at this Dec. 5 budget hearing and cited his calculations based on the 2018 approved budget that is now posted on the district's website (after it was approved by the board without public availability as required by Colorado state statute 29). Discussion between Rusnak and the board included:

- Rusnak—"I'm a little puzzled as to this much rollover after everything that was defended for the mill levy was, 'we need every cent to cover all of our expenses,' when in two years, we have saved and still supported the community, \$1 million. I can't figure that one out.... Numbers don't lie."
- Assistant Chief Scott Ridings—"You're shooting a bunch of numbers that are unsubstantiated, so there is no way to say that you are correct" and "... if we did not get the mill levy, remember we cut all overtime in the district, went short-staffed, went to skeleton crews, put firefighters in danger, so, absolutely, this 'we were running on perfectly normal' is absolutely false."
- Burns—"The money is unsustainable, it is a one-time shot and that will not sustain this fire district on its own for more than a few years."

- Chairman Greg Gent—"You can have your opinion, but at the end of the day, the board is going to make this decision. Also, last year we made a lot of sacrifices to make this entire thing happen. We asked guys not to do overtime, we asked guys not to have pay raises.... But you can't do that every single year and expect to retain people, expect that people are going to stay on. We asked them to do that, stick with us, make this happen, and see what the public wanted. The public wants us to be there for them. So, elections don't lie."

Chairman stops constituent from speaking during public comment

After Rusnak's final questions, former Wescott Board Chairman and resident Bill Lowes stood and asked Gent, "Do I need to go over to the microphone or can I talk from here?"

Gent replied, "You do need to go over to the microphone, yes."

Lowes said, "I was curious since you guys did not have to. Anyway"

Gent immediately interrupted Lowes, stating, "Excuse me, excuse me, excuse me. Public comments are over. I'm not going to put up with that! I put up with your lying through the entire election. I'm not going to put up with it. Public comment's over. OK, we need a motion to adjourn." Director Joyce Hartung moved to adjourn, Director Rachel Dunn seconded. All directors present voted in favor of adjournment.

As Lowes attempted to speak again, Gent said over him, "No, I'm not going to put up with it. I'm not going to put up with it. I'm not going to put up with it. You want to come in here, you want to lie through the entire election, you want to sit there and come in here and do this? No! Absolutely not! If you are going to come in here and do a public comment, and sit here in front of the board and do that, absolutely not. OK, we are adjourned at 7:35.... Don't do it. Don't do it. Meeting's over. Meeting's over. No, you can't talk to the chief. Meeting's over.... I'm surprised. You lied through the entire election and then you want to sit here and come in here and get some kind of say."

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